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Inventor Application of:
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For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL
HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL
OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD
METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: V. Patel

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.191, the applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Official Action dated May 16, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of time to extend the time for response from August 16, 2002 to November 16, 2002. Applicant respectfully appeals all of the rejected claims (3-7, 10-14, and 21-26) in the above-identified application.

In the subject application, a fee was paid for a Notice of Appeal filed on July 27, 2001.

Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on October 9, 2001. The Examiner reopened prosecution in an Official Action dated December 5, 2002. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. Sec. 1208.03 (August 2001, page 1200-26), applicant understands that the fee paid for the Notice of Appeal filed on July 27, 2001

will be applied to this later filed appeal on this same application. Therefore no additional appeal fee should be required. In case this procedure has changed, please deduct any required fee from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP., Deposit Account No. 01-2508, order No. 11666.0102.NPUS00. Enclosed is a Fee Transmittal Form authorizing any fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to be deducted from this Deposit Account No. 01-2508.

Respectfully submitted,



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